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# Egypt E-Alert

AFP

## **Egypt passes quota law for women MPs** **Mon Jun 15, 5:30 am ET**

CAIRO (AFP) – Egypt's parliament has passed a law allocating a quota of 64 seats in the lower house to women, in what a minister said on Monday was aimed at promoting their role in society.

The new law adopted on Sunday will give women more than 12 percent of the seats in an expanded parliament after the next election in 2010, Minister of Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Mufid Shehab said.

It raises the total number of seats in the People's Assembly from 454 – including 10 appointed by the president – to 518. Nine women were elected to parliament in the last election in 2005.

Parliament speaker Fathi Sorour described the law's approval as "an historic event" for Egyptian women.

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